# HYDROCARBON RECYCLERS, INC.

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WICHITA FACILITY 2549 N. New York St. Wichita, KS 67219 TLX (316)267-8155 OFFICE: (316)267-5742

Ans d.....

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CTA Environmental Attn. Doug Allen 6180 Atlantic Blvd. Suite A Norcross, Ga 30071

Re:PCB contamination in Red River Wastestream Manifest#19099, Item 28c (see copy of manifest).

Dear Doug

Although I previously notified you of this situation by phone, this letter will provide the information with the supporting documentation.

Wastestreams coming to HRI are tested for PCB's only when they are suspected. This wastestream was not tested when it first came to this facility for this reason. The contamination was not discovered until a tanker load of waste was shipped to Systech Corporation in Fredonia, Ks. on 2/13/90 to be burned as cement kiln fuel. Systech regularly screens for PCB contamination. They assessed the PCB content to be 83 ppm (see Wastestream Variance Report from Systech), which is above the cutoff level of 50 ppm for PCB regulation under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA). As the concentration stood it not only would have been necessary to incinerate the truckload, but also the rest of the 20,000 gallons in bulk storage at this facility from which the contaminated truckload was taken.

By understanding the nature of PCB's, the analytical procedures for them, and knowing that the screen performed by Systech is only for quick detection purposes, our lab in conjunction with a lab certified for PCB's was able to more accurately identify the specific PCB, Arochlor 1248. This resulted in a more accurate concentration level than the original value determined by Systech. The level for the transport tanker was 42 mg/kg (see Priority Analytical Laboratory analysis for waste solvent, tanker composite). We further tested the 20,000 gallon storage tank (V-5) at HRI from which the transport tanker was filled, and the PCB level was measured at 40.1 mg/kg (see Priority Analytical Laboratory analysis for waste solvent, V-5). These levels, because they are below the regulated concentration, does not require commercial incineration, but can be gradually blended by HRI into other kiln fuel being sent to Systech., The dilution is necessary due to Systech's own PCB level restrictions and not due to any regulatory restriction. This results in a major reduction in the potential disposal cost of the contaminated waste, but still requires



additional care to see that the contaminated waste is diluted so that the resultant waste reaching Systech does not exceed their limits.

At this point it was necessary to locate the PCB contamination. This required screening the retain sample from each wastestream that was blended into the 20,000 gallon tank that could have caused the contamination (The list of wastestreams included in the contaminated storage tank is shown in the figure marked as such. Although there were more wastestreams present in the tank, the possibility of these contributing to the problem was eliminated by a PCB scan prior to the addition of the suspected wastestreams. This test proved negative). The Red River wastestream (Manifest# 19099 Item 28c, identified by lab code# 900704) was isolated as causing the contamination. The analytical information from our PCB, GC scanner is provided as follows:

- 1) Arochlor 1248 Standard used to screen the retain samples for this PCB.
- 2) PCB Scan of the retain sample of Red River manifest# 19099 Item 28c showing identical peaks to Arochlor 1248 Standard.
- 3) Typical PCB Scan of one of the contaminated tank component wastestream retain samples showing no PCB's.

The Red River wastestream retain (Manifest# 19099, Item 28c) showed the only PCB contamination of all the retain samples. This wastestream without a doubt caused the PCB contamination.

It is necessary to bill CTA for the rejected load freight, the investigation analytical, the certified lab analytical, and the additional labor involved to analyze and blend down the 20,000 gallons so that it can be burned as kiln fuel at Systech. The cost for this is \$2,500.00. This figure pales in comparison to the potential cost of incinerating 20,000 gallons of regulated PCB contaminated waste. Red River Army Depot in turn should not have any trouble paying CTA for this. It goes without saying that Red River should be notified so that they need to take steps to prevent this from occurring in the future.

If you have any questions concerning this situation please call me.

yours truly

David Trombold Sales Manager

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cc Jim Gibson Jerry Smith

#### SYSTECH ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION P.O. Box 111, S. Cement Road Fredonia, KS 66736 (316)378-4451

Date: 02/14/90

## WASTE STREAM VARIANCE REPORT

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February 14, 1990

Hydrocarbon Recyclers, Inc. 2525 New York Wichita, KS 67219

Attn: Steve Keiter, Laboratory Director

Sample I.D.: Waste solvent, V-5

Date Submitted: 02/14/1990

Lab #: 9006166

### ANALYSIS

Parameter	Amount	Units
PCB (as Arochlor 1248)	40.1	mg/kg

Note: Sample solids included in results.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Fornshell Lab Director/Chemist



February 14, 1990

Hydrocarbon Recyclers, Inc. 2525 New York Wichita, KS 67219

Attn: Steve Keiter, Laboratory Director

Sample I.D.: Waste solvent, Tanker composite

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#### ANALYSIS

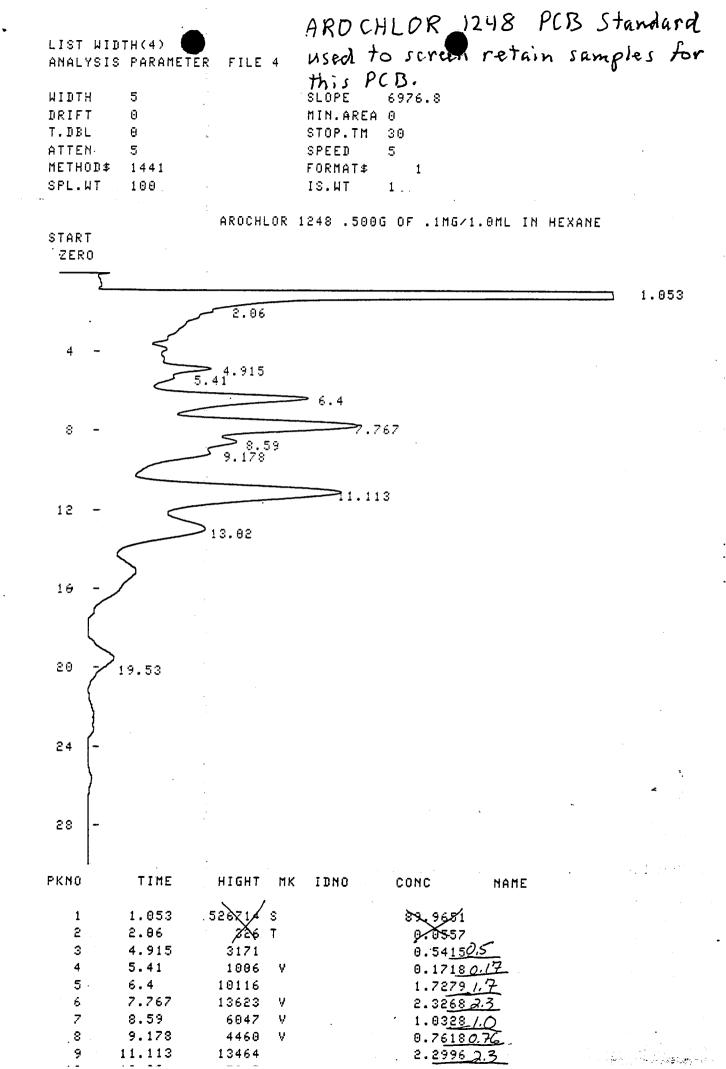
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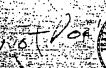
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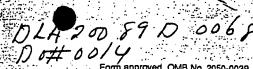
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